

On eve of Douglas debate, T.U.C. bosses hit Cousins

24 TO 6 FOR THE BOMB

Labour's bid for cash is a flop

From TREVOR EVANS: Douglas, Isle of Man, Sunday

THE general council of the T.U.C. tonight rejected by 24 votes to 6 the Frank Cousins brand of defence policy.

Among the Cousins Six who are supporting the attempt to alter the Labour Party's official line to one of nuclear isolation was Mr. Ted Hill, who is likely to be next T.U.C. chairman.

Mr. William Carron, the engineers' leader, whose delegation has decided to support the official AND the Cousins plans, abstained from voting.

In the big T.U.C. debate on Wednesday the chief opponent of Mr. Cousins will be Sir Vincent Tewson, who will make what is probably his last major speech.

Sir Vincent will present the official policy, which backs Nato. He will talk for a three-limited 25 minutes. Mr. Cousins will get up to 10 minutes.

After the debate Mr. Cousins will have another five minutes and Sir Vincent the last word.

But Mr. Cousins has the consolation that his proposal will be voted on first. He expects to secure a bigger majority than the official policy, though that is likely to be carried too, now that Mr. Carron's 800,000 A.E.U. votes will go both Left and Right.

Split goes on

Such powerful unions as the railwaymen and the shop assistants decided over the week-end to back Mr. Cousins only.

There is little doubt, therefore, that the split in the Labour Party will continue. The gloomy realisation of this helped to make today's visit of Mr. Len Williams, standing in for Mr. Morgan Phillips, a flop.

Mr. Williams had the job of persuading the unions to increase their affiliation fees from 5d. to 2s. a year, but he got no chance.

In fact, some prominent trade union leaders boycotted the meeting, and others went only out of a reluctant sense of duty.

But there is a deeper reason for the coldness of the unions towards a fund-raising appeal. There are misgivings about the party's unsentimental policies; there are reservations about the leadership; and there are also forebodings about the outcome of next month's Labour Party conference at Scarborough.

Change wanted

And in Scarborough a new attempt to smash trade union control of the conference will be made.

The down-with-the-unions proposals in the Scarborough agenda are published by Transport House today as the T.U.C. opens.

Major challenge to the union power comes from Liverpool. The Walton constituency proposes that unions should be represented only "through the constituency Labour parties to which they shall be affiliated."

Walton wants the constitution altered to take away the unions' right to send independent delegations to the party conference.

Other constituencies want to close the cut-rate "entrance." Many union delegates pay 50s. a year through mass union affiliation. Individual Labour Party members pay 6s.

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M.P.'s daughter hurt

Carolyn Stoddart-Scott, 19-year-old daughter of Tory M.P. Colonel Sir Malcolm Stoddart-Scott, was slightly injured last night in a car crash near Scarborough.

EXPRESSMAN GALE IN UNO HANDS

From DANIEL McGEACHIE: ELISABETHVILLE, Sunday.

EXPRESSMAN George Gale and two other British reporters seized by Congolese soldiers are now under the protection of UNO Tunisian troops, said officials of UNO tonight.

Orders have been given for the three reporters to be taken to Leopoldville, the Congo capital, said a spokesman for Premier Lumumba's Government.

A Belgian diplomat said: "We think Lumumba's only action will be to expel the journalists from the Congo."



GEORGE GALE
Waiting in a club

Tonight the three men are living and eating at a Bakwanga club with a party of European refugees.

They are said to be in good health and the British Ambassador in Leopoldville, Mr. Ian Scott, has taken up their case with the Congo Government.

Bedford weds—and it was even a secret from the bride!



HOOP OF DIAMONDS



End of the secret wedding... now Nicole and the duke don't care who knows

Robbed in her sleep

PARIS, Sunday.—Mrs. Therese Smith, from Kilmarnock, Scotland, slept soundly—so soundly that when a thief stole her engagement ring from her finger she did not wake up.

The thief was at work in her hotel bedroom at Nice early today.

He also stole 2,000 francs and jewellery. Mrs. Smith discovered her loss when she awoke.

Envoy's wife in death plunge

BRUSSELS, Sunday.—Madame Marcelle Lorian, 49-year-old wife of Belgium's ambassador to the United Nations, fell six storeys to her death from a block of flats in Brussels today.

Pram is struck—baby escapes

A six-month-old baby, Paul Bennet, was only slightly hurt yesterday when a riderless motorcycle crashed into his pram after a collision with a car at Barnstaple, Devon.

25 Britons safe in crash-landing

BASEL, Sunday.—A Vickers-Viking plane of the Swiss Balair Company, arriving from London with 25 British passengers, made a crash-landing after landing gear failed.

Five miners die

CAPE TOWN, Sunday.—Five African miners were killed and 23 are still entombed by a pressure burst in the East Rand Proprietary mine at Boksburg, Transvaal, yesterday.—Reuter.

Strike called off

More than 1,000 workers yesterday decided not to strike at the Hoover washing-machine factory, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorganshire, over short-time working.

What a day, says Nicole

Express Staff Reporter

WHILE thousands of paying visitors thronged his stately home last evening the Duke of Bedford skipped off to the register office at Amptill, Beds, and married secretly.

And so secret did he keep the time and place that even the bride, 40-year-old French TV producer Madame Nicole Milnair, did not know she was to be married until four o'clock in the afternoon—just 75 minutes before she became the new duchess.

"But I am glad (the duke) did not tell me," she said afterwards. "I am terrible at keeping a secret, and whenever I blush and my nose wiggles."

Waiting

It was 40 minutes after learning it was her wedding day that Mme. Milnair, wearing a Balmain old-gold brocade dress and coat set off from Woburn with the 43-year-old duke in a sports coat belonging to Henrietta Tiarks.

In the register office the bride's children were waiting: son Didier, 20, Catherine, 18, Gilles, 16, and Agnes, 14. So were two of the duke's sons, the 26-year-old Marquis of Tavistock and 16-year-old Lord Rudolf Russell, along with Henrietta Tiarks, and a family friend, M. Pierre Vergottis.

The ceremony, conducted by superintendent registrar Harry Robinson, lasted three minutes. The duke himself produced the ring and kissed his bride twice on the cheek.

How much?

Then, tactfully, Mr. Robinson turned to the marquis, as best man, for the marriage fee.

"Oh, broke in the duke," you want the cash. How much?" Replied Mr. Robinson: "Three pounds six and nine."

Quipped the duke: "Cheap at the price," and the family joined the laughter. He paid up with four 21 notes and told Mr. Robinson to "have a drink on us" with the change.

Back then everybody went to Woburn Abbey to celebrate.

There under the great chandeliers, amid the marble pillars and the crimson couches of her new home, the duchess proudly

Monks tend dying in bus queue horror crash

Express Staff Reporter

A SKIDDING car scythed through a queue of 32 men, women, and children at a bus stop in Newcastle-upon-Tyne yesterday. Two were killed and nine seriously injured.

Black-cowled Dominican monks ran from a nearby priory to free people trapped under the car.

Two of them knelt in the rain and prayed for the dying—58-year-old John Moffatt and 65-year-old James Jameson.

WIFE HURT

One of the injured was Moffatt's wife. Another was a 13-year-old schoolgirl.

Several people in the queue had just left an afternoon club next to the priory in New Bridge-street.

They were waiting to move on to a double-deck bus when the car ran into them.

Said one of the monks: "It was a terrible sight. The screams of the injured and the moans of the dying made it like a battlefield."

'NINEPINS'

The motorist, 32-year-old salesman Mr. Robert Nicholson, of Heaton, Newcastle, was driving home with his wife Mary when his car suddenly veered as it passed over a pedestrian crossing.

A police spokesman said: "The car hit the queue broadside and on people fell left and right like ninepins. It stopped at a trolleybus pole which may have saved the lives of other people in the queue."

Mr. Nicholson escaped with minor bruises and shock. His wife was unhurt.

Man killed by own car

Henry Biggerstaff, aged 52, was killed by his own car yesterday when it slipped off a jack and fell on him.

Mr. Biggerstaff had jacked up the car at his home in Erdington, Birmingham. Passers-by freed him but he died in hospital.

Strike stops tube lift

Another London Underground station was hit yesterday by the unofficial strike of more than 200 maintenance men.

One of four lifts at Angel Station was out of action, bringing the number of stations affected to 14.

Woman bullfighter injured

BARCELONA, Sunday.—Woman bullfighter Gina Maria was thrown from her horse by a bull and badly injured at Saragossa today.

Four boys saved

Four schoolboys, trapped by high tide while playing on a derelict lifeboat at Mortlake, on the River Thames, yesterday, were rescued by a police launch.

'Straight up' fighter for RAF

By PETER WOON

THE Royal Air Force is ready to order Hawker 1127 fighters, the vertical take-off aircraft that can revolutionise aerial warfare.

Yesterday, on the eve of the annual Farnborough air display, I learned that R.A.F. chiefs have accepted the design by Hurricane maestro Sir Sydney Camm.

The 1127 had its first ground engine run at Dunsfold airfield, near Guildford, Surrey, at the week-end, and should fly for the first time from Bedford test airfield before the end of the month.

The R.A.F. wants the machine as a replacement for the Hunter 6—yet another Camm fighter—for use in case of local wars in the Middle East and Far East.

Big boost

The R.A.F. decision comes as a great boost for British aviation at a time when two other major decisions are about to be made by the Government.

It is now virtually certain that:—

1 The British Aircraft Corporation will receive the Government contract for a detailed design study of a supersonic jet—provided the corporation offers at least £50,000,000 over seven years towards overall costs.

2 Hawker Siddley will receive the major contract for a limited British space programme. The final go-ahead is dependent on Aviation Minister Mr. Peter Thorneycroft's visit to Australia later this month.

4.30 a.m. LATEST

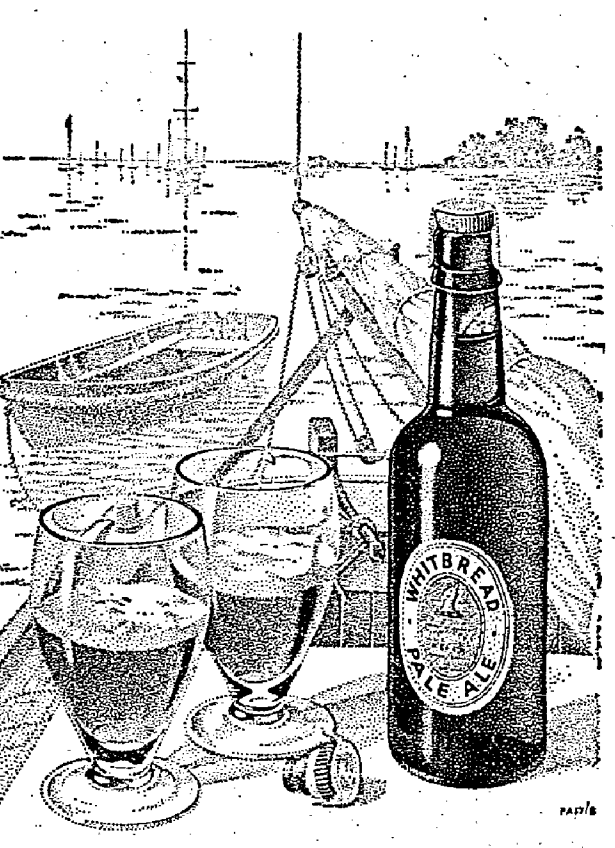
TWO ESCAPE FROM OPEN JAIL

Two men escaped last night from Bala open prison, Westmorland. They are James Douglas, aged 27, and 29-year-old Thomas Gilbert.

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